

IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 7, 2010

Noon

City Annex Conference Room

680 Park Avenue

Attending: Roxane Mitro, Chair. Members Julie Braun, Shirley Chastain, Cheryl Cox, Hereschell Mynarcik, and Stephanie Rose. Renee Magee and Debra Petty, staff. It was noted Brenda Ring-Pace resigned from the commission.

Call to Order at 12:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mynarcik, seconded by Cox to approve the minutes of December 3, 2009 as presented.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program: Magee said the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program funds were awarded for the following: bike path on eastern side of Sunnyside Road, \$75,000; Idaho Falls Power for Center on Conservation, \$175,000; and Historic Preservation Commission for information on historic buildings and energy conservation, \$10,000. Funds allocated to the Commission were earmarked for a seminar/workshop and brochures. A brochure for the utility billing will cost \$1,700 for 26,000 copies. The Commission may wish to discuss the use of the funds. Chastain suggested the brochure be completed with the Idaho Falls Historic Downtown Foundation since they have funds available for energy efficiency education. Mitro will visit with Kevin Cutler regarding allocation of funds for the brochure. Magee noted commercial buildings constructed 100 years ago are more energy efficient than those constructed today.

February Utility Billing Flyer: Stephanie Rose will email final text to Debra Petty by January 15, 2010, for a tri-fold brochure for the February utility billing. Magee said the logo should be included on the brochure and there is a sentence or two that needs editing. The final brochure will be reviewed by the Commission for approval.

Election of Officers: Motion by Chastain, seconded by Mynarcik, to nominate Graham Whipple as chair, Julie Braun as vice-chair, and Nancy Boland as secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Downtown National Register Nomination: Magee said Tricia Canady e-mailed her the electronic version of the downtown nomination submitted to the National Park Service (NPS) and the comments from NPS. We do not have the photos used in the nomination, so new photos will be needed. She thought it is best to have a small committee to revise the nomination. Julie Braun and Roxane Mitro volunteered to assist Magee. There was some discussion about whether the nomination could be revised and resubmitted successfully to NPS. Magee understood it is possible to rewrite and resubmit the nomination.

Façade Review: Noon, January 14, 2010. Trouts Architects submitted an application for CDBG façade monies for the former Pioneer Art building. They have prepared several options for consideration. Magee will send the review materials to the Commission.

Miscellaneous: Mitro said Dennis Wilkinson is restoring the clerestory windows on the ARTI building. The diamonds are purple on the east and red on the other side. A new 3-panel with a mix of clear glass and red and purple diamonds will be constructed for the center of the building. The glass from Nick's could not be used due to the color and design difference.

Mynarcik wanted to know if the annual tour in May is going to be of downtown or residential neighborhoods. Chastain asked the tour be downtown. Mitro will work with Roger Christensen for entry into the county building. Motion by Cox, seconded by Rose, to have the annual tour of the downtown. Motion passed.

Mynarcik has a number of oversized documents needing to be copied. Rose suggested the use of Willowtree Gallery as they use archival quality paper.

Rose said a Greenbelt brochure is being compiled by the Parks Department with interesting and worthwhile information. Cheryl Cox is doing the final edit of the document before it goes to press.

Rose said she received a number of comments about the use of bond money to demolish older schools. She sent information to George Boland in hopes of educating him about the number of people in support of funding schools but not for demolition.

Cox is researching the Winn Addition, the old Eagle Rock neighborhood, and wishes to do something to preserve the working class neighborhoods. Magee said this information will be of value to a nomination. Mitro suggested including it with the downtown tour.

Braun suggested the nominating committee of herself and Mitro look for new members for the Commission.

Magee said the owner of the Pfaff store has been cited for failing to maintain his building. Her concern is how to abate rather than demolish the building. Chastain suggested saving the façade if the rest of the building is not salvageable. Mitro said there are a number of options for saving the structure.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Debra Petty, Recording Secretary